

Dust

STAT

Per  Re Early Out

Newest proposal from Roth/Stevens re early out is essentially a reworking of the old bill; effect literally the same. The proposed hiring freeze is reduced from 5 years to 3 years. The President or his designee could protect 25% of the work force from the freeze. Occupational exemptions to the freeze extend only to firefighters and law enforcement officers, etc. There is no national defense categories included in exemptions.

The Outlook: Roth wants to attach to Budget Reconciliation Bill: He can do that through one of two means: (1) Mark-up Session; or (2) and most likely to occur, through a polling letter, which is a letter from GA chairman to each member of the committee outlining the proposal to attach to BRB and seeking their approval of same. If approved, Chairman ~~forwards to~~ presents to Budget Committee and seeks ~~their~~ their approval to have it added. Does not think ~~it~~ it can be added through this means except with the approval of Budget Committee.

Difficult to predict outlook. There is some opposition within the Committee itself, so its iffy on the Senate Side. On the House Side, even though Rep. Bently has introduced similar bill, Ford and Oaker are still opposed to the early out concept. It is doubtful that the bill will get out of committee.

STAT

*Governmental Affairs Committee*